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## Leadership Credentialing and the LEPC: *Developing Synergy and Sustainment*

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## Purpose of any Credentialing Program

- Elevate the visibility of the specific profession
- Promotes credibility and professionalism
- Encourages and mandates continued professional development, education and technical skills
- Ensures minimal criteria of the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the profession



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## What Does Certification Bring With It?



- Development
- Discovery
- Maintenance of skills
- Education
- Maturation
- Lessons learned
- Benchmarking
- Credibility

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## Certification Examples

- Certified Emergency Manager (CEM, AEM)
- Certified Business Continuity Professional (CBCP, ABCP, MBCP, CFCP)
- Others

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## Professional Practices for Business Continuity Professionals

1. Project initiation and management
2. Risk evaluation and control
3. Business impact analysis
4. Developing business continuity management strategies
5. Emergency response and operations
6. Developing and implementing business continuity and crisis management plans
7. Awareness and training programs
8. Maintaining and exercising plans
9. Crisis communications
10. Coordination with external agencies

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## LEPC Mission Success

- Members are volunteers
- LEPC membership must include, without limitation:
  - ◆ Selected state and local officials
  - ◆ Law enforcement, emergency management, firefighting, first aid, and health
  - ◆ Local environmental, hospital, transportation agencies
  - ◆ Broadcast/print media, community groups, and facilities so designated

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## LEPC Responsibilities

- Receiving all information and industry reporting pertaining to extremely hazardous substances in the county
- Writing the County's Chemical Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan
- Exercising the plan annually to ensure the county is prepared to respond to and handle a chemical release and protect its citizenry

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## What is Synergy?

1. The cooperative action of discrete organizations such that the total effect is greater than the sum of the two effects taken independently;
2. The doctrine that in regeneration there is a cooperation of divine grace and human activity

*Merriam-Webster Dictionary*

- The behavior of whole systems unpredicted by the behavior of their parts

*Buckminster Fuller: Critical Path, St. Martin's Press, NY*

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## Optimizing the Mission

- Professional approach
- Credentialed leadership
- Industry and public safety standards and best practices
- Consistency
- Synergy

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## Questions?

**"Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now."**



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